

# Khehek language

**Khehek** is an Oceanic language spoken by approximately 1600 people on west-central Manus Island, Manus Province of Papua New Guinea. It has two dialects, **Drehet** and **Levei**, which are sometimes considered separate languages.

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## Phonology

The following description is of Drehet dialect.

## Consonants

		Bilabial		Alveolar	Palatal	Velar
		Plain	Labialized			
Stop	Unaspirated	p	p <sup>w</sup>	t	c	k
	Aspirated					k <sup>h</sup>
Fricative				s		h
Nasal		m	m <sup>w</sup>	n		ŋ
Prenasalized trill				n <sup>d</sup> r		
Lateral				l		
Trill				r		
Semivowel		w			j	

## References

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2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Khehek" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kheh1237>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.

Khehek	
Levei-Ndrehet	
<b>Native to</b>	Papua New Guinea
<b>Region</b>	West-central Manus Island, Manus Province
<b>Native speakers</b>	(1,600 cited 1991) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Malayo-Polynesian</li> <li>▪ Oceanic</li> <li>▪ Admiralty Islands</li> <li>▪ Eastern Admiralty Islands</li> <li>▪ Manus</li> <li>▪ West Manus</li> <li>▪ Khehek</li> </ul>
<b>Dialects</b>	Drehet (Ndrehet) Levei
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	tlx
<b>Glottolog</b>	kheh1237 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kheh1237">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kheh1237</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Further reading

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- Blust, Robert (2005). "Must sound change be linguistically motivated?". *Diachronica*. 22 (2): 219–269. doi:10.1075/dia.22.2.02blu (<https://doi.org/10.1075%2Fdia.22.2.02blu>).

## External links

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- Kaipuleohone's Robert Blust collections include written and audio materials on the Levei dialect as well as written (<https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/33171>) and audio materials (<https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/4683>) on the Drehet dialect

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